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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) & (b) The matter is under the consideration of the Government."

SRI M. P. GOVINDA MENON :—" May I know, Sir, whether this Government has taken into consideration the report submitted by the Retrenchment Committee appointed by the previous Ministry and whether in the course of their present consideration that report will be considered? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, everything is being taken into consideration in effecting retrenchment."

Increase in the rents for stalls in Alandur markets.

* 18 Q.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAMA MUDALIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether any representation has been received by the Government from the Alandur General Market Merchants' Association with regard to the increased and arbitrary levy by the local panchayat board of rents for stalls in the markets taken over by the panchayat board, with effect from 1st April 1952; and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Yes. The matter is under correspondence with the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAMA MUDALIAR :—" May I know, Sir, when was the resolution passed by the panchayat board to take over the private market under its control? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Sir, the information is not available with me now but from the date the Act came into force the panchayat boards cannot allow any private markets."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAMA MUDALIAR :—" Sir, I am aware of it, but may I also know whether notice was issued to the stall-holders before the increase of rent was ordered by the panchayat board, and if so, when was the notice issued and served on the parties? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Sir, the required information will be obtained and supplied."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAMA MUDALIAR :—" Sir, is it a fact that the increase in the rents ordered by the panchayat board varies from shop to shop and in some cases the increase varies from 50 per cent to 150 per cent and in some even up to 300 per cent? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Sir, I think it may vary from shop to shop according to the size of the shop. To give definite information I require notice."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAMA MUDALIAR :—" Sir, will it not be in the interests of the administration that the stalls should be

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reclassified according to the size, importance and position of commanding view in the market and reasonable rents be fixed accordingly?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Sir, it is the look-out of the panchayat board and I think the panchayat board will be fair in that respect."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAMA MUDALIAR :—" Sir, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to convey this suggestion to the panchayat board through the Inspector of Local Boards and Municipal Councils?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Certainly, Sir."

Functions of the Efficiency Officers in the Revenue Department.

* 19 Q.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAMA MUDALIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what the duties of Efficiency Officers working under District Collectors in the Revenue Department are;

(b) how many such Efficiency Officers are working in each district;

(c) whether the duties of the Efficiency Officers cannot be performed by the regular Divisional Officers; and

(d) whether the abolition of these posts is being considered?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) The Efficiency Officers maintain close personal watch over the progress of execution of Intensive Cultivation Schemes. They also verify in the course of their tours whether the village and taluk registers prescribed by the Commissioner of Food Production for localisation of extents receiving Grow More Food benefits and for assessing the results under each scheme are properly maintained. They themselves verify the results in as many cases as possible and see that the karnam's estimates of production include the additional production that should have been realised under the various Intensive Cultivation Schemes. They also attend to all items of work under the various well subsidy schemes, which were previously discharged by the former Special Deputy Collectors for Wells. The Efficiency Officers submit their notes of inspections, if any, to the District Collectors concerned.

The Efficiency Officers are working directly under the Commissioner of Food Production, Madras, and are subject to his administrative control and supervision and not under the District Collectors.

" (b) There are eight Efficiency Officers in the State each in charge of 2 to 4 districts.